

State Commission for Conservation of Soil, Water & Related Resources

Quarterly Meeting
4H Camp Marshall
92 McCormick Road, Spencer, MA 01562, 508-885-4891

Friday, July 19, 2013, 9:30 A.M.

AGENDA

Introductions

Fletcher Clark - NRCS Liaison Forester, DCR Bureau of Forestry
Review Agenda

Approval of Minutes – April 11, 2013 meeting (**voting item**)

State Commission

- Committee Reports
 - Budget – Update on Governor's Budget
 - budget submission process for FY 2015
 - Program Committee
 - 2013 Envirothon quarterly report
 - Steering Committee Appointments
 - 2013 – 2014 Budget (**voting item**)
 - Envirothon visioning process
 - Policy Committee – update on Senate Bill 347

- Environmental Bond Bill

Ex. Secretary – District Annual Meetings, Supervisor appointment – Cape Cod District(**voting item**)

Partner Updates

NRCS, DAR, F&W, DEP, Divisions, others

Adjourn to the Massachusetts Association of Conservation Districts meeting.

Lunch – Provided by MACD, Following topics scheduled for discussion from 1PM-3PM

- Watershed On Wheels: Everyone will have the opportunity to visit the Silvio Conte National Fish and Wildlife Refuge interactive hands on education vehicle. NRCS has a soils kiosk as part of WOW.
- State Soil Survey: NRCS State Soil Scientist Al Averill will share the great resource you have in the state soil survey and discuss how districts can add value to this data to serve communities and other potential clients.
- The Vermont Experience: Jill Arces, Executive Director of the Vermont Association of Conservation Districts will share how conservation districts in Vermont are not only surviving, but thriving.
- Non-point Source funding through DEP's 319 program: Jane Peirce from MADEP will present how conservation districts can participate in the sDEP319 program. Recent changes to the program eligibility increase the opportunities for agricultural non-point source projects.